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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Release Of Makarios

THE release of Archbishop Makarios from exile in the Seychelles is a development which should, but not necessarily will, lead to an appropriate settlement of the Cyprus dispute. The Archbishop has gained his freedom on the strength of a declaration which calls upon Eoka to cease its acts of hostility. Significantly, however, reservations are implied, and the statement cannot be regarded as wholly satisfactory.

The Archbishop's appeal to the British government to "abolish simultaneously the present state of emergency" may appear to be innocuous enough, but the inference discernible is that should not this request be complied with, Eoka would be free to pursue its campaign of terrorism. The hope was that Makarios would unequivocally denounce terrorism and associate himself with a policy of peaceful negotiations for the establishment of a new constitution for Cyprus.

Nothing appears in the Archbishop's statement which suggests that he is prepared to accept a settlement on anything less than the island's union with Greece; and by adopting the Greek government's interpretation of the United Nations resolution calling for a resumption of negotiations, he tacitly rejects the proposal made by Lord Ismay for Nato arbitration in the dispute.

WHAT future role Makarios is to play in the endeavours to settle the Cyprus problem remains to be seen. The Greek Cypriots undoubtedly will continue to regard him as their chief spokesman; and the British government would be content to recognise him as such if he were to display his willingness to modify his attitude to the proposals for constitutional reform embodied in the Radcliffe report. Archbishop Makarios will shortly have the opportunity of expressing himself in this direction.

The Radcliffe proposals are not necessarily the last word to be said by the British government in the search for a Cyprus settlement, but they do represent the basic British viewpoint and in essentials are the most the government can offer for the time being. They provide for gradual self-government and they have the principle of self-determination. To go beyond that at present would not serve the interests of the inhabitants of Cyprus as a whole.

The release of Archbishop Makarios is welcome if for no other reason than it promises to bring to an end terrorism in Cyprus, which in turn will permit abolition of the state of emergency. With passions cooled it may be possible for the Greek Cypriot leaders to recognise the fairness of the Radcliffe constitutional proposals and to accept them at least as a firm basis for further negotiations.

EGYPT AGREES TO ARBITRATION

US Shipowners Warned Against Using Canal

Cairo, Mar. 28. Egypt has agreed in principle to arbitrate through the United Nations disputes arising from her operation of the Suez Canal, high Arab sources said today.

The sources claimed that Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld reached agreement on the point during their talks, but the agreement will not be mentioned in the forthcoming memorandum outlining Egypt's plan for operation of the Canal.

Under the reported plan a watchdog committee of experts would report to the United Nations any departure from Egypt's pledges to operate the Canal according to the 1888 Convention. Egypt will also devote a percentage of the tolls, probably 25 per cent, to development of the Canal, the sources said.

Any political disputes might be decided by political organs such as the General Assembly and legal disputes by the International Court under the reported scheme.

Egyptian political adviser Aly Sabry announced today that the Canal would be open "around April 10" and a detailed memorandum will be published on April 4 setting out the Egyptian plan.

Time For Persuasion

Western diplomats believed that the schedule left time in which to persuade Egypt to accept "improvements" on the plan. Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi outlined Egypt's plan to a series of ambassadors, including the United States, in the last two days.

Informed sources said the plan specified: All tolls were payable to the Egyptian Canal authority or specified banks abroad.

Secondly, Egypt will set aside a certain percentage of the tolls for the development of the waterway.

Third, Egypt would live up to the 1888 Convention. Fourth, Egypt would register the memorandum with the United Nations, a binding international pledge.

Sources also said Fawzi told the ambassadors that Egypt did not intend to raise the tolls now.

Diplomatic sources believed the United States would seek certain improvements on the Egyptian plan including an Egypt undertaking to consult users before raising tolls.

Form Of Consultation

It would also seek some form of consultation on the use of funds set aside for the development of the Canal, if not an outright joint account, and perhaps an increased percentage of tolls to be devoted to development.

Meanwhile, UN Assistant Ralph Bunch conferred earlier today with UN financial expert John J. McCloy.

However, US State Department experts were studying the proposals for operating the Canal with a marked lack of enthusiasm, according to informed sources in Washington.

British and French officials said that so far there had been no consultation on the subject between their embassies and the State Department. But British officials said there "certainly" would be working-level talks soon.

The State Department awaited a full report from Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the chief United States delegate to the United Nations, on his meeting today with Mr Hammarskjöld.

Officials hoped that Mr Hammarskjöld, fresh from his Cairo talks with President Nasser, would be able to clear up a large number of questions posed by the Egyptian plan.

Pending such clarification, officials declined to comment on the Egyptian proposals beyond saying that "nobody feels like cheering."

US Owners Warned

In the meantime the State Department advised US shipowners today not to use the Canal until its physical and legal hazards "have been fully eliminated."

Mr Lincoln White, State Department press officer, said they had "reconsidered prudence in the immediate use of the Canal."

But he emphasised there was no prohibition on the use of the Canal.

Mr White said: "The Department advised that its information was that danger from hazard in the immediate approaches to the Canal, notably the Gulf of Suez, may not have been fully eliminated."

"Also that discussions were still in progress between United Nations Secretary-General and the Government of Egypt with respect to future operation of the Canal."

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Government decided to send a test ship through the Canal but this move will not be made before Britain and France try to settle their differences with Egypt over Canal tolls, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said tonight.

The spokesman added that Israel's move to assert her right to free passage through the Canal would be made in accordance with the Security Council's resolution in 1951.

"We will not push to the head of the queue over the issue of Canal traffic," the spokesman stated.

No Sailing Date Set

According to shipping sources in Haifa, a ship flying the Israeli colours will be sent from Haifa through the Canal but no date for the sailing has yet been fixed.—United Press and Reuter.

Employers Will Talk To Unions

Strike End Possible

London, Mar. 28. Employers today raised hopes of ending a strike of 1,000,000 British engineers by offering to enter into direct talks for more pay with the trade unions.

Mr Iain Macleod, the Minister of Labour, gave the House of Commons first news of this break in the deadlock.

The Minister spoke about 30 hours before another 500,000 men in the London area are due to join the strike.

The employers' offer was possibly "the last chance of saving the country from a disastrous stoppage," Mr Macleod told the Commons, but he added that many problems remained unsolved.

"If we do not find a settlement very quickly it is not easy to see an early or quick end to these disputes," he declared.

FOURTH DAY

Aircraft and other industrial plants engaged on export contracts in many parts of the country were at a standstill for the fourth full day today through the stoppage, while a parallel strike by 250,000 shipbuilders kept the nation's shipyards silent for the 13th successive day.

About 2000 million of contracts have been held up in the shipyard strike while engineering stoppage has severely hit production of exports.

Today saw the first clashes between pickets and police. At Bristol and Manchester police had to hold back strikers to allow lorries to enter factories.

Outside the Bristol Aeroplane Works a police inspector said: "Temper seemed to be getting frayed."—Reuter.

IWO JIMA VOLCANIC ERUPTION

Honolulu, Mar. 28. A volcanic eruption on the southern end of Iwo Jima spewed small rocks, steam high into the air over the famous World War II battle-ground today.

A message received here from the 633rd Air Base Squadron of the US Far East Air Force said the eruption left a crater 100 feet in diameter. Activity lasted 60 minutes before dying down.

The message said the southern end of the island was declared out of bounds to military personnel, but no buildings were endangered. It said the eruption tossed five inch stones 150 feet into the air, and steam and ash 30 feet.—United Press.

Mollet Wins 33rd Vote

Paris, Mar. 28. The 14 months old government of M. Guy Mollet won its 33rd vote of confidence at midnight today.

The unofficial result was given as 221 votes for the Government and 188 against.

The deliberate abstentions by the various conservative and centre groups were estimated at about 100, reflecting the disagreement of these groups with the Government's financial policy but indicating their continued support of the government's action in Algeria.

The 14-month-old government, which holds the postwar record for survival obtained its vote of confidence after a two-week debate on home and foreign policy.—Reuter.

CHINA EMBARGO STATEMENT: COMMONS TOLD 'WAIT' FOR MACMILLAN

London, Mar. 28. Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade, replied "no" in the House of Commons today when asked by Mr Douglas Jay (Labour) what fresh guidance he had given to industry in the light of the Bermuda conference on the strategic embargo on British exports to China.

Mr Jay asked: "Does this mean that although British industry was asked to wait for the Bermuda conference for further progress with this issue, that absolutely nothing further has emerged from that conference?"

Sir David asked Mr Jay to "wait for the Prime Minister to make his statement."

Mr Harold Davies (Labour) asked: "Will the Prime Minister also give us the date when North Vietnam was included with China and will you see that the House is informed whether or not the Prime Minister raised at Bermuda this vital issue of British trade with China and North Vietnam?"

Sir David told him this did not arise "out of the original question."—Reuter.

DR ADAMS MURDER TRIAL SENSATION

Specialist's Admission

London, Mar. 28. The rich old widow whom Dr John Bodkin Adams is accused of drugging to death was treated in a hospital with injections of morphia before she ever came under the Eastbourne physicians, his defence counsel claimed today.

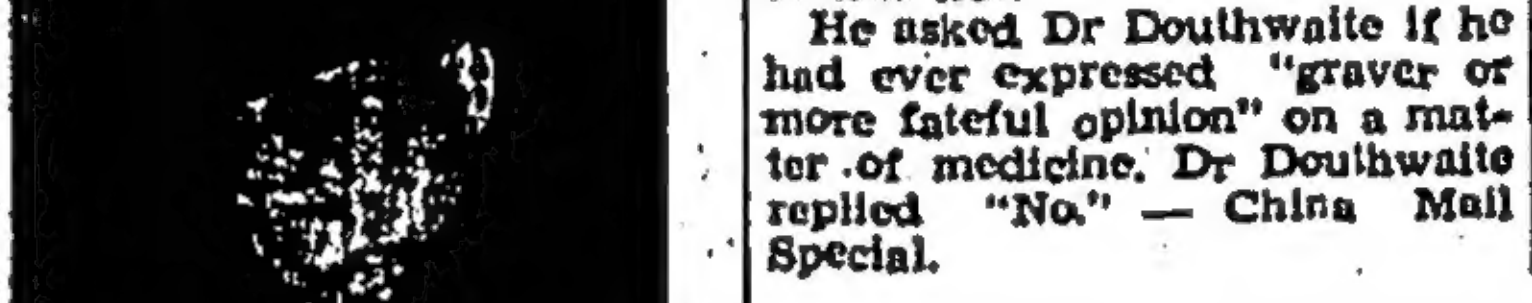
The barrister, Mr Geoffrey Lawrence, produced a sensation the eighth day of the doctor's trial for murder by confronting a medical expert with nursing notes of the hospital treatment of the widow, Mrs Edith Morrell, had received.

Yesterday the specialist, Dr Arthur Douthwaite, had testified for the prosecution that in his opinion Dr Adams intended to kill Mrs Morrell with injections of morphia and heroin.

He had stated morphia should never be given to a patient suffering from a stroke except in a case of acute mania.

Dr Douthwaite replied: "Yes, if used simply for the stroke." Defence counsel had started his cross-examination by questioning the expert about his statement yesterday that the amount of drugs given Mrs Morrell in the last five days of her life must have been meant to kill her.

He asked Dr Douthwaite if he had ever expressed "graver or more fateful opinion" on a matter of medicine. Dr Douthwaite replied "No."—China Mail Special.



Temporary N-Weapon Ban Rejected

London, Mar. 28. The United States rejected Russia's call for an immediate "temporary ban" on atomic test explosions today on grounds that it may be possible to carry out undetected tests.

Harold Stassen, US delegate at the five-power disarmament talks here, suggested that Russia demand on all its tests in the last two years, so scientists can determine if atomic blasts can take place without other nations discovering them.

Informed sources indicated strong Western belief that this may well be possible in the vast land mass of Russia.

Stassen, replying in effect to Tuesday's call for an immediate temporary ban on tests pending final settlement, reiterated previous American policy that tests can be halted only:

- ★ If East and West agree to inspection of armaments,
- ★ controls are imposed to prevent surprise attack,
- ★ agreement is reached on means of reducing the future nuclear threat.

Informed sources said he told the conferees that technicians should first get together to establish the possibility of undetected tests.

As a starter he suggested that Russia inform the UN disarmament when, where and how many atomic explosions it has conducted in the past two years.

While officials did not say so, it was apparent that with this information Western scientists could check the explosions detected by radioactivity monitoring instruments and see if Russia had carried out any without detection.

Is Possible

It was also suggested in informed circles that Britain and the United States, which share monitoring data, have not published every Soviet test they have measured. This would enable them to see if Russia's proposed list is complete.

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan told the House of Commons today "technically" it is likely that Russia can hold undetected tests.—United Press.

ACCUSED OF MURDER

Today under intense cross-examination by the defence, he agreed he knew Mrs Morrell had had a stroke in the county of Cheshire in 1948—two years before she died.

Asked why he had not investigated the hospital treatment given her then, the tall expert said he had been told the information was not available.

It was then Mr Lawrence quietly turned to the Judge, Sir Patrick Devlin, and produced the notes written by nurses who had attended the widow at the Cheshire hospital.

They recorded that after first trying barbiturates and sleeping drugs on the patient a Dr Turner at the hospital had given her morphia injections—these "had" been continued regularly for eight days.

Mr Lawrence then said evidence now showed Mrs

Alleged Slander Of French Army

Paris, Mar. 28. Georges Montargon, Director of the French Progressive Catholic weekly, *Temoignage Chretien* (Christian Testimony) was today indicted on charges of slandering the army.

The charges were filed upon a complaint by the Ministry of Defence. Montargon said he believed the charges were based on the publication of material concerning "certain methods of pacification in Algeria."

Meanwhile, Pierre Courtade, editorial writer of the Communist daily *L'Humanite* was fined 40,000 francs by a Paris court for harming the territorial integrity of the nation.

The charges were based on two articles written by Courtade in August, 1955, affirming the existence of an Algerian nation.

Last week, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, editor of the weekly *L'Espresso*, was indicted for harming the morale of the army after having published a series of articles on his experiences as a recalled reserve officer in Algeria.—France-Press.

US State Department Appeal To China

RELEASE OTHER CITIZENS

Washington, Mar. 28. The United States Government called today on China to release expeditiously the eight American citizens still in gaol.

"The State Department continues to hope that the Communists will abandon their cynical disregard of their unqualified pledge to take measures to release the American citizens expeditiously," the State Department spokesman said.

The spokesman who had been asked to comment on the release by China of another American citizen, Father Fulgence Grom of Chicago, replied by the following statement:

Although the State Department is of course happy to learn that Father Grom has been freed from prison, it can in no sense regard this release as a fulfillment by the Chinese Communists of their agreed announcement of September, 1955, under that announcement, the State Department spokesman went on, the Chinese Communists declared that the Americans were to be allowed expeditiously to exercise their right to return to the United States.

"Not only have the Chinese Communists failed to take the measures to expedite the release of the Americans, but they have also repeatedly denied to these prisoners the rights of communication with the British Embassy in Peking, which is explicitly guaranteed to them."—France-Press.

US PILOT KILLED

Taipei, Mar. 28. A US Air Force helicopter crashed five miles south of Taiwan today, killing the pilot and two crew members. A passenger was injured.

The helicopter was attached to the 39th Air Rescue Squadron at Ashiya, Japan, on temporary duty in Formosa.—United Press.

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★ "Down With the Ship Again Lads!" Les Armour and Low have something to say about the rash of strikes in Britain.

★ "The Clash of the Blues." Robin Hutcheon says "Tomorrow's Oxford-Cambridge boat race started as a lark."

★ Will Sir Hartley Shawcross bring new life to Britain's Labour Party?

★ "The Curse of Kariba" brings floods on the Zambesi.

★ Pakistan acts to check a holy war against Indian troops in Kashmir.

And don't forget the Intelligence Report, Record and Book Reviews, the Stage, and Life in New York.

GAS USED ON CROWD

Nicosia, Mar. 28. British security forces used tear gas to disperse crowds demonstrating in the centre of Limassol tonight.

A radio announcement said tonight that Eoka men who wish to accept the British offer of safe conduct out of Cyprus should give themselves up from 8 a.m. tomorrow.

There are only 18 men on the Government's current public wanted list, headed by George Grivas, Eoka's chief. But there are many more Eoka men who are on other wanted lists, though the figure is not known.—Reuter.

THE CHURCH BELLS RING IN CYPRUS: CHEERS FOR BRITISH IN 'MURDER MILE'

Cypriots WILL SOON Say: BE BACK **Turks THIS IS A WRONG Say: STEP**

Nicosia, Mar. 28.

Church bells in Nicosia rang out tonight as Cypriots celebrated the news of the release of Archbishop Makarios. On Nicosia's Ledra Street, notorious as "murder mile", Cypriot youths cheered British troops who seemed to share the general air of festivity.

MALAYA ADOPTS STATE RELIGION

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 28. The Malayan Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, said today that Islam would be the state religion of Malaya when it became independent.

Speaking at an extraordinary general assembly of the United Malay National Organisation, the Chief Minister said a clause proclaiming Islam as the state religion would be written into the country's new constitution.

The draft constitution now being examined by the Federal Government and the Malayan State rulers, does not contain such a clause, which UMNO has been demanding.

The Chief Minister also said that Malay would be the only national language, although English would be used for a period of ten years.

The special interests of the Malay community would be the responsibility of Malaya's paramount ruler, he said. Both points had been UMNO demands.

He added that dual citizenship, which was conditionally provided for in the draft constitution, would not be permitted. —France-Press.

Nicosia's Metaxas Square, the scene of dozens of anti-British riots during the past two years, was tonight an unbroken mass of cheering people. Not since V.E. Day has Cyprus seen such celebrations.

Along the pavements Cypriots kissed British soldiers and were cheered by them in return.

A seething throng of men, women and children, some still in their slippers and pyjamas, shouted "Enosis and Makarios, Eokla and Digenis" while processing with Greek flags, palm branches and portraits of Makarios, swept past towards the Greek Consulate.

A Greek Cypriot spokesman declared: "This is the best piece of news we have had since the emergency began." Greek-Cypriots were jubilant as the news spread like wildfire through the streets of the island's capital.

Disappointment

But there was disappointment among the island's Turkish community. A Turkish spokesman said: "The Turkish community receives the news of Makarios's release with disappointment. We consider this is a wrong step to take at the present time."

"We wish to add that should the British Government start negotiations and agree with Makarios, the Turkish community will never recognise such an agreement."

Work stopped and Cypriot-Greek men, women and children poured into the streets of Nicosia and other towns of Cyprus this evening when a radio bulletin from London gave the news.

Some women cried in the street and many crossed them-

selves, saying: "Our Ethnarch is free."

The streets of Nicosia, normally quiet soon after six p.m. due to dusk to dawn house curfew on all youths, suddenly lived into clapping and laughter, which grew in intensity every minute.

Going To Greece?

From balconies and rooftops, doorways and verandahs the news was shouted on until the whole town knew.

Church bells, whose ringing is restricted only to religious occasions under the emergency regulations, rang out all over the capital.

In Famagusta, a large crowd of Cypriot-Greeks gathered around the Cathedral of St Nicholas.

It was believed that Makarios would now go to Greece for contact with the Greek government and Cypriot representatives in Athens on the next steps in the Cyprus question.

They added that it was to be expected the emergency regulations in Cyprus should be relaxed after Makarios made his appeal for pacification.

Patrols Withdrawn

Although it was stipulated that Archbishop Makarios was not to come to Cyprus, everyone in the streets of Nicosia tonight took it for granted that the "Ethnarch will soon be at our side."

British patrols were withdrawn from Nicosia shortly after the news. But it was too short a notice for patrols in other places, and island-wide operations to be called off. This is expected to be discussed at a high level military conference tonight.

As Eokla men have been offered safe exits, it was considered likely that operations would be called off tomorrow morning.

Bishop Yennadios of Salamis officiated at a special doxology at St John's Church tonight while thousands of youths chanted the Greek national anthem outside.

Long Live Makarios

A procession began from the churchyard, with banners and Greek flags, and thousands of Cypriots shouting "Zeto Makarios" — "Love live Makarios."

British military police on patrol nearby were cheered and there were dozens of handshakes.

Youths shouted: "Tonight English and Greek are all the same." Then they plunged into the procession.

The British announcement comes at a time when security forces have been busy hunting the remnants of Eokla.

"Operation lucky-dip," which began 13 days ago, was still continuing this evening.

Security men were still closing in on an Eokla gang encircled in a 30-square-mile area in western Cyprus. Six arrested men were being escorted from Panayia Village, Archbishop Makarios's birthplace, to Paphos town. —China Mail Special.



One Of The Last To Be Caught

Stylianos Lena, whom British authorities in Cyprus rate Number Three in the Eokla terrorist hierarchy, lies in an RAF hospital bed in Limassol after his capture by British forces. —London Express Photo.

RUSSIA SAYS ISRAEL PREPARING NEW WAR AGAINST EGYPT

Paris, Mar. 28.

The Soviet Union today accused Israel of preparing a "new aggression" against Egypt, and warned that an attack against Egypt "would create a dangerous situation and a direct threat of a broad armed conflict, with grave consequences for the cause of peace."

The Soviet declaration was contained in an official statement distributed by the Tass news agency, and broadcast by Moscow radio.

The statement indicated that Israel "aggressive plans" were being made with the connivance of certain "circles" in France and the United States.

Adversaries

The statement said the Soviet leaders remained determined adversaries of any use of force in the Near and Middle East. The Soviet leaders condemned the position of "extremist circles" in Israel and France, which were stirring up passions and preparing a new and dangerous military adventure.

The statement, broadcast by Moscow radio, declared: "Recently, in the declarations of certain Israeli statesmen and the French Press, there is mention of the preparation of a new aggression against Egypt."

"The declarations of Israeli politicians contain undisguised threats against Egypt. Ben-Gurion declared that if Israel's demands concerning navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba are not satisfied, Israel will unleash war."

Provocative

The declaration continued: "In making such provocative statements, the Israeli statesmen ostensibly ignore the decision of the United Nations General Assembly, which condemned Israel and took the defence of legitimate rights of Egypt."

"At the same time, they indicate clearly that the United States has entered into commitments with Israel, directed against the Arab countries."

"It is indicated also that these guarantees, given to Israel, stem from a 'gentlemen's agreement', concluded between the Ameri-

can Secretary of State and the Israeli Foreign Minister.

"This agreement is reported to have been communicated to the French Premier M. Guy Mollet and the French Foreign Minister M. Christian Pineau."

Air Cover

"For their part, according to reports in the Western press, the official representatives of the French Government have assured Israel that France will keep its promises and will support Israel in a new aggression against Egypt."

"It is indicated that if necessary, French air forces are prepared to take part in an attack against Egypt, and to cover the Israeli troops. And there is open display of the preparations made in France to support Israel in its aggression against Egypt."

"It is to be noted that these press reports have not been denied by the French Government."

"All of these facts must necessarily draw the attention of world public opinion, which resolutely condemned the aggression committed against Egypt by France, Britain and Israel."

Play With Fire

"These facts prove that the colonialists and their accomplices are continuing to play with fire, and that attempts are still being made to unleash, through the intermediary of Israel, a dangerous provocation, directed against Egypt and the other Arab countries, who are defending their sovereignty and their legitimate rights."

"The unleashing of a new aggression against Egypt would create a dangerous situation and a direct threat of a broad armed conflict with grave consequences for the cause of peace."

"This is precisely why the Soviet ruling circles condemn the position adopted by extremist circles in Israel and also of France, who oppose a peaceful solution to the situation in the Near and Middle East, who artificially and consciously arouse passions, creating a tense atmosphere and preparing a new and dangerous military adventure." —France-Press.

In Peking

London, Mar. 28. Mr. Wilton Abraham Pevco, the first American ambassador to Communist China, arrived in Peking by train today to assume his office, the New China News Agency reported.

He was welcomed at the station by Mr. Chiao K'iao-hua, assistant minister for Foreign Affairs and other officials. —United Press.

H-Bomb Guinea Pigs Wait For Invitation

London, Mar. 28.

A Quaker couple, who want to be in the radioactive danger zone of Britain's Hydrogen Bomb test in the Pacific, today awaited an invitation from a Japanese businessman to join a "peace fleet" entering the Christmas Island area.

Mr and Mrs Harold Steele of Malvern, Gloucestershire, were told that Mr Iwao Hasegawa, president of a trading company in Muroran, Hokkaido, northern Japan, had said he wanted to be their sponsor in Japan.

"As soon as the invitation arrives we will make an immediate application for a visa," Mr Steele said today.

Mr Steele, 63, said he had written two letters to Japan asking for a sponsor which was necessary before a visa was granted.

One was addressed to Mr Takeko Kotwal, Director of the Citizens Association Longing For Peace in Toyohashi, and the other was sent to Miss Mary McMillan, an English woman living at Ushita Machi, Hiroshima.

One-way Tickets

"We are poised ready to go as soon as we get that visa," Mr Steele said.

He and his 40-year-old wife, Sheila, want to be in the small "suicide" flotilla of Japanese fishing boats heading for the test area, which was closed to shipping on March 2.

If they are injured by radioactive activity they want their scarred bodies to act as living evidence to the world of the evils of nuclear explosives.

The Steeles, who have three children, are planning to spend their £400 savings to buy two one-way tickets to Tokyo.

Encouragement

Mr Steele said that 10 people were willing to join in the "Guinea pigs trip." One of them was Reginald Reynolds, husband of Ethel Mannin, the English novelist.

The 10 volunteers were among scores of people who have written letters of encouragement to the couple.

Mr Steele, a retired poultry farmer, and his wife have made arrangements for friends to care for their children, Valerie, 15, Hugh, 13, and nine-year-old Julie. —Reuter.

MP ASKS ABOUT ATOMIC FISH

London, Mar. 28.

Mr Emrys Hughes, (Labour) asked in the House of Commons today what the Government was doing to protect people who eat fish from the dangers incurred from nuclear tests and radioactive waste deposited in the sea.

He said the concentration of radioactive elements in the bodies of fish and other living marine organisms which rise from 1,000 to 100,000 times more than an equal amount of surrounding sea water.

Fish might become contaminated by eating radioactive marine plants and pass on the contamination to other fish hundreds of miles away.

Mr Joseph Godber, joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, replied: "CAN ABSORB"

"The Minister of Agriculture is well aware that fish and other marine organisms can absorb radioactive elements, though the elements discharged from United Kingdom sources are not such as to give the levels of contamination Mr Hughes mentions."

All radioactive wastes that are put into the sea from United Kingdom sources are disposed of under rigid and exacting safety controls which ensure that no dangerous concentration of radioactive elements is allowed to build up.

"The Minister understands that no nuclear tests which this country is undertaking entail any risk to the fish Mr Hughes has in mind." —Reuter.

Ecate Meeting Ends

Bangkok, Mar. 28. Thailand's Deputy Foreign Minister, Rak Panyarachun closed the 43th session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East today, saying the meeting had been as successful as could be expected.

Panyarachun, Chairman during the nine-day meeting, said delegates would seek a remedy for Asian poverty caused by fast population increase.

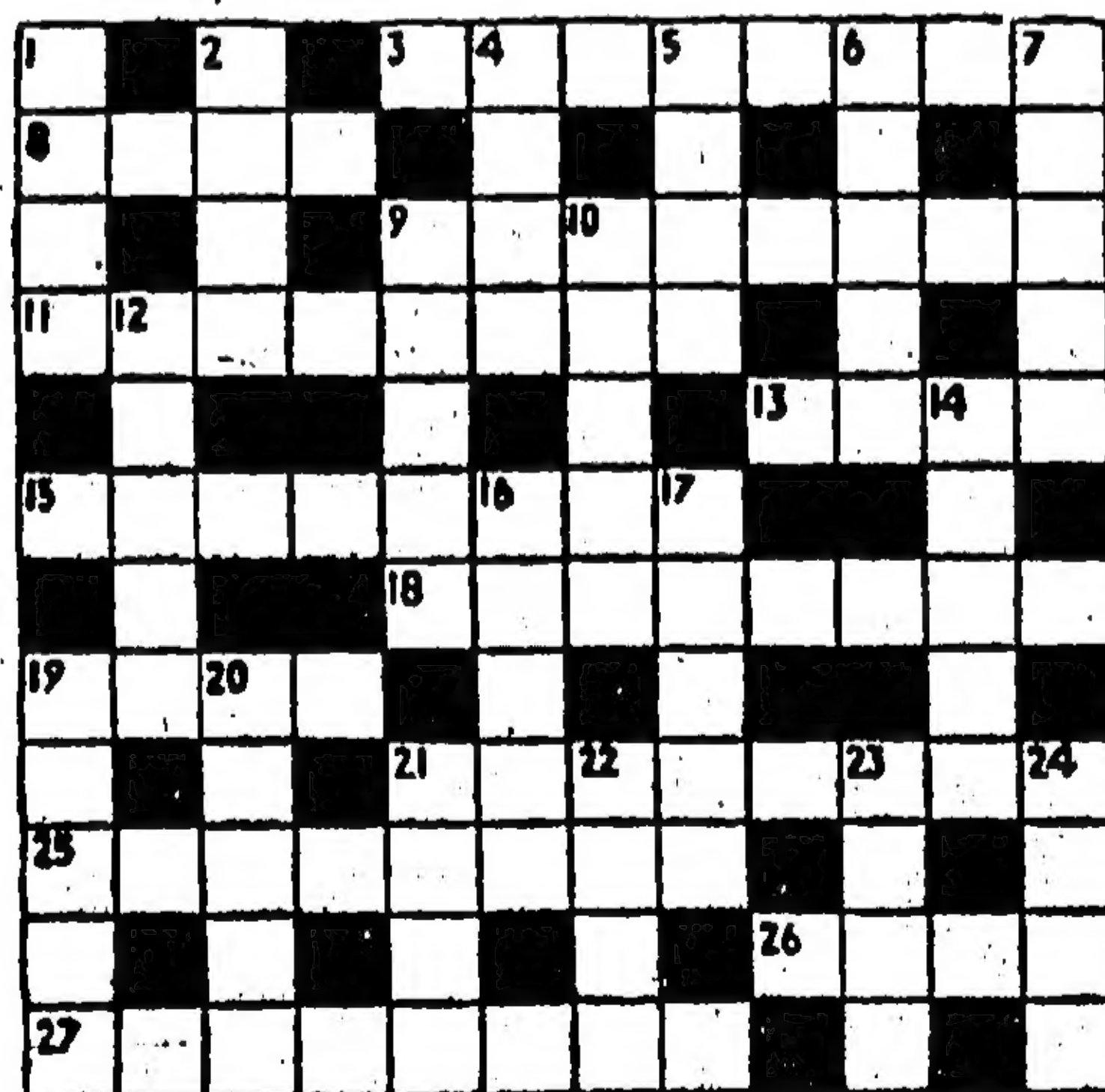
He suggested they should return home with thoughts on the possibility of "planned parenthood as a remedy to Asian

mass poverty". Delegates decided to meet again at Kuala Lumpur either in March or April, next year.

After protests from Nationalist Chinese, South Korean and American delegations, the sentence "mainland China was reported to be implementing its first five-year plan" was deleted from the Commission's report.

Voting was 12 to 6, the Soviet Union, India, Ceylon, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Burma voting against. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Acquired temporarily (8).
 - Frank (4).
 - Business chief (8).
 - Lifted (8).
 - Footwear (4).
 - Vied with (8).
 - Encircle (8).
 - Try out (4).
 - It seems that elderly ladies tell (8).
 - Got ready (8).
 - Heap (4).
 - Diagrams (8).
- DOWN**
- Fashion (4).
 - Lake (4).
 - Leave out (4).
 - Regretted (4).
 - Keep an eye on the time-keeper! (5).
 - Mourntful refrain (5).
 - Ventures (5).
 - Allude to (5).
 - Black (5).
 - Possessor (5).
 - Teacher (5).
 - Fear (5).
 - Subjects (5).
 - Perpendicular (5).
 - Daybreak (4).
 - Compass point (4).
 - Wine out (4).
 - Mild (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Mixed, 4 Fudge, 7 resolved, 8 Droop, 9 Sotter, 11 Spread, 13 Mariner, 15 Entree, 16 Swamp, 18 Blowing, 20 Tenor, 21 Tenor, 22 Down, 23 Marces, 24 Spout, 25 Diver, 26 Fudge, 27 Delicate, 28 Elope, 30 Throes, 31 Present, 32 Mass, 33 Nimble, 34 Taste, 35 Eagle.

Egypt Gets Soviet Atomic Reactor

Cedar Falls, Mar. 28.

Russia has signed an agreement with Egypt for the construction of an atomic reactor and laboratory for nuclear research in Egypt, a member of the Russian United Nations delegation said.

Vladimir Borlovsky, Counselor of the Russian delegation, said the all-college conference on "Sessions in the Middle East" at Iowa State Teachers College yesterday that the Soviet Union also would train Egyptians to operate the reactor.

Later after he refused to hold a news conference and he explained his remarks only.

The Russian diplomat said he believed this was the first public announcement of the agreement, signed last year.

He said the reactor would be small, only 2,000 watts, and would be used for research and training purposes only.

Borlovsky referred to it as a laboratory. He said there were no conditions attached to the agreement.

He said the reactor had been scheduled for completion in 1958, but events in the Middle East had delayed construction. —United Press.

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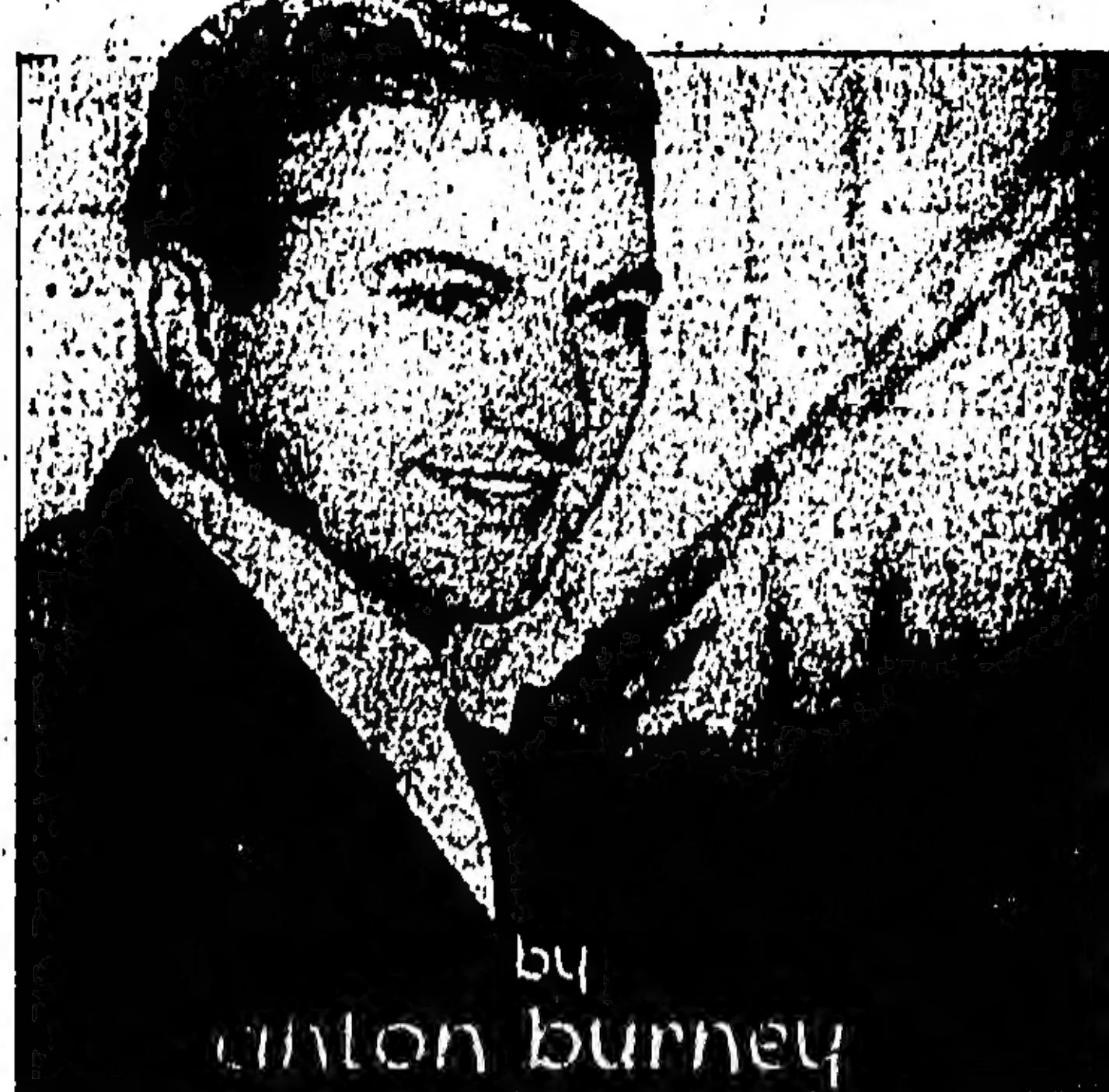
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THE LIBERACE STORY



by
Clinton Burney

There are two ways of approaching a new thing in the world, whatever it may be—an old, cautious approach, or something new, to match the newness of the new thing that has come into the world. Look at it a moment in the light of Television.

This is a wholly new thing. It is not cinema. It is not radio. It is not "live" theatre. And it is more intimate than any of them. We know that what the cinema screen is showing is a recorded shadow. We know that the radio is bringing us a disembodied voice. We know that the theatre that between us and the players lies that impassable barrier of the footlight. But the T.V. artist comes into our homes so intimately that thousands of Liberace's fans prepare their houses for him as though he were indeed a guest coming in at the door. For this they have been derided, mocked at, but the makers miss the whole point. All entertainment rests on the old "willing suspension of disbelief". Nobody is ashamed of being "lost" in a novel, or absorbed by a drama on the stage or screen. But it is exactly the same surrendering to the illusion that prompts people to place a candelabra on the T.V. set when Lee is going to play. It is a gesture of sympathy and delight. It is a lovely thing, not a laughable one. And it is a measure of how much this consummate artist has conquered the new medium and made it his own.

His Tricks

In the same way, it must be emphasized that Lee's "mannerisms", his "tricks" before the cameras, are contrived and deliberate. No greater television artist is now performing. Lee knows that the T.V. performer must be larger than life. His performance is a perpetual close-up, even when the camera pans away; for the "close-up" is not measured by distance but by emotional temperature. It is so with any great artist. Liberace knows that the exaggerated gesture finds its true perspective as it flies across the unbounded air to come into a million homes. His genius is not a genius for music only, but a genius of a man born exactly for his time. He is the first great personality of T.V. because he has not had to make extensive adjustments of technique, and an actor from the cinema has to do this. He was young enough in years to come to T.V. almost unspoiled by conflicting techniques of other media, but old enough to be already a magnificent musician and artist.

A magnificent artist... well, that's clear every week to forty

million viewers; what of the man himself?

His Church

We have seen him growing up, against a background of happy family life, but in the face of poverty. We have seen him make a career for himself in the music he loves. We have seen him succeed marvelously and we have seen him employ the fruits of his success wisely, temperately, and generously. But all these things are external things—background, circumstances, achievements. So, again, the question: what of the man himself?

"My son was a good boy," his mother says. "Thank God, he has grown up to be a good man. He is not ashamed of religion, nor forgetful of it. He was taught in Catholic schools, and brought up to the Catholic Church, and he follows its teachings simply and faithfully. I remember when he was recovering from a severe illness—pneumonia—when he was nine. He was getting stronger. We were all talking of his first outing when he was able to leave the sickroom—'Let's go to the lake,' George suggested. 'I think a little ride into the country,' his father said. 'I should like to go to church,' Lee said quietly."

"I guess I'm old-fashioned," Lee will say, "but it's simple enough. Even music, which gives so much, cannot give the peace I find at the altar. The wonder to me is that in a world so full of evil, people still stubbornly reject the good they might so easily find with Mother Church."

Perhaps this unquestioning faith lies behind Lee's generous response to the malice of his critics—this faith, and a bubbling sense of humour. No artist of our time has met with such savage criticism, and it is easy to see why. His technique is revolutionary, and the critics are reactionary. They boil with rage if he plays in five minutes some great composition which another artist cannot perform in less than eight—"Jazzing-up Beethoven," they call it, and "Killing the Classics," killing the music, they say. He has made millions love them that never listened to "real" music in their lives before? The critics cannot still understand that for such a medium as T.V. a new manner of performing must be born; and that it has been born under the hand of Liberace.

His Fans

But if it be true that the "highbrow" critics have agreed in condemning Liberace, it is also true that his T.V. show is broadcast in America by almost two hundred stations (the exact figure?—197). Over a million records of Liberace have been sold in under three years. He has nearly two hundred fan-clubs up and down the United States (the exact figure?—194). It has been estimated in that country where such figures are eagerly sought, that in one year nearly one million, three hundred thousand jokes were made about him on the radio (the exact figure?—1,200,000). This is more jokes than are made yearly about mothers-in-law! What all this adds up to in terms of personal following, nobody can compute, but it is absolutely safe to say that no musician in the history of music has made so wide and so certain an appeal. Liberace can afford to smile at his critics. And that is exactly what he does.

More On Monday

Why are you wearing a strait-jacket?

That's the question Americans keep asking about Britain... and I'm afraid that I have to stay silent

New York.

THIS British strike is front-page news here. It could not have come at a worse time. Just when things are going our way and when the Americans are coming round to our view of Nasser, the dictator in the desert.

My friends here say: "What's got into the British? Just when you are recovering from Suez and are moving ahead with expanded trade and a stable pound sterling you deliberately put yourselves in a strait-jacket."

I cannot give the answer. I do know that the strike is weakening the country's influence abroad and grievously handicapping Mr. Macmillan in his all-important conference with President Eisenhower.

If we cannot keep our own house in order we can't expect the Americans to listen to our advice on how to run theirs.

Before the strike news broke most Americans had expected great things from the Bermuda meeting—the healing of the rift and a new Anglo-American unity.

British officials here say: "The Prime Minister and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd intend to talk bluntly."

M. Mollet has reported that the Americans have "an almost mystical confidence in the U.N."

To reality

It is the aim of Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Lloyd to bring the President and Mr. Dulles out of this dreamland and back to the harsh realities of the world situation and power politics.

President Eisenhower reaches Bermuda tomorrow with his cough much better and his left ear less inflamed.

His Press secretary, James Harty, is very angry at reports in some sections of the British Press describing President Eisenhower as "fading, ailing, visibly aged, thin, pinched, and drawn."

I can understand Harty's acute annoyance.

Do not let us overdo the picture of a President dangerously close to another serious illness and a leader whose power and prestige have declined so drastically.

Mr. Eisenhower has tremendous powers of resilience, as he demonstrated over and over

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again during the war and during his first four years as President.

Ike can snap back, and his doctors, particularly Paul Dudley White the heart specialist, believe he will.

There is no conspiracy of silence concerning Eisenhower's health as there was over Franklin Roosevelt's.

It creaks

ONCE the Bermuda Conference is over Mr. Eisenhower is expected to reorganise his Cabinet.

It is the oldest Cabinet of any major Western Power. It creaks with age and its arteries are hardening.

I do not think Mr. Dulles can last much longer.

Events have proved him wrong: he gambled on Nasser's virtuosity and Nasser has spat in his face. There is no confidence any longer among Americans in Mr. Dulles's ability to run the country's foreign policy or anything else.

Distaff view

THE women particularly are urging him to step down. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says: "Are we more afraid of Egypt than of Israel? I think we had better make up our minds that somewhere along the line we may have to be as tough as Egypt and show it in the United Nations."

And Miss Inez Robb, in a pungent commentary that is being quoted all around the



THE KEY QUESTION

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town, says: "Messrs. John Foster Dulles and Dag Hammarskjöld must be at their wits' end to discover further ways and means to appease Nasser, the serpent of the Nile."

"First they let Nasser kick them in the rear. Then they turn around and offer their teeth, which he converted into a point after touchdown."

"And his foot is still itching... does bootlicking come next? does the world really need Middle East oil so badly that honour is not too high a price to pay? Or do I merely reveal my age when I prate of honour?"

"Is the Suez Canal now so vital that it makes tolerable the taste of boot-polish to the U.N. and the U.S.?"

Taking a rest

STANLEY HOLLOWAY leaves soon for England for a rest. My Fair Lady, in which Stanley gives a flawless performance, for sheer drawing power surpasses anything in our time. Seven hundred thousand people have seen it and have paid out over \$5,000,000 in its first year.

Thousands of people have paid £10 a ticket above the printed price so actually the musical's audiences have paid out well over \$5,000,000, but a lot of this has found its way into the pockets of the ticket scalpers.

Groucho Marx, in a speech to the Screen Writers' Guild in Hollywood, said: "Don't listen to the calamity howlers, the picture business will be here long after we are all gone. That is, if we get out of here by midnight."

Footnote: Now the double standard of the U.N. looks suspiciously like the double cross.

British cars get a beauty treatment

—that stainless steel look is more than skin-deep

BRIGHT is the future for the manufacturers of stainless steel for British cars.

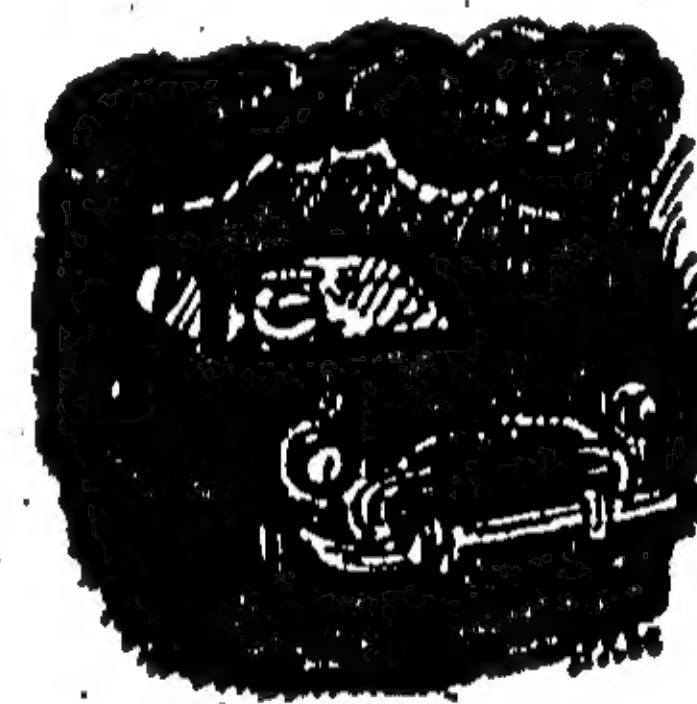
Today it is being used more than ever in the manufacture of the "bright" parts of cars. While there is nothing new about its use for bumpers, window frames, hubcaps and radiator grilles, the big car manufacturers are now taking an increasing interest in stainless steel.

The British Motor Corporation uses it for most of its hubcaps and many other parts. For the Zephyr, Front and Rootes for some window frames. The new Vauxhall Victor (super model) uses it for windscreen and window surrounds.

Many motorists prefer the warmer look of stainless steel to the cold glitter of chromium plate.

Sales doubled

The demands of the car industry from Sheffield, home of stainless steel, has been steadily increasing. The largest firm producing stainless steel in Britain has doubled its sale to



by JOHN PONDER

car manufacturers in the last five years.

Stainless steel for car trim is, however, but one of 43 types of stainless steel made by this one big firm alone. The other books are very full for 18 months ahead for steel, plate and bar stainless steel required by other industries.

That, say the manufacturers, is the great advantage of using stainless steel for the "bright" car parts. The stainless quality, like the lettering in Brighton rock, persists right through while any form of plating can only be skin-deep.

These screws cost £50 a pound... A pound of screws for odd jobs about the house costs 3s. 6d. But there are also screws that cost £50 a pound, which means they are worth one-quarter of their weight in gold. They are made of steel blended with the new wonder metal, titanium, so that they can stand up to immense heat in jet engines and the like. As a raw material this super steel costs £11,200 a ton. It is the most costly steel of all.

Colony That Fought To Be Free Is Crumbling Into Chaos

RUSSELL SPURR spotlights the sista land where bribery is a way of life

DIJAKARTA. PRESIDENT SUKARNO still exercises before a full-length mirror. He postures in his photogenic uniform, rehearsing the little tricks of public speaking that once sent Indonesia into ecstasies.

The gestures are as professional as ever. But the old magic has gone. The face at 56 has lost its force. A bearing vanity is all that remains.

So much has gone wrong since the little ex-engineer who hated the West strode triumphantly into the Dutch Governor-General's palace in Djakarta eight years ago. The freedom for which he fought so frenetically has turned sour.

Indonesia today is one of the most unstable and inefficient countries in the world.

The first minutes of arrival are warning enough—with nifty Customs clerks brandishing sheaves of meaningless forms. Baggage inspection takes an hour, then outside there is a queue for the rare taxi driver who will condescend to transport you for 30s. a mile. Bureaucrats are supposed to be in their offices by 7 a.m. Few turn up before 8.30. They are supposed to leave at 2 p.m. The rush home begins around one.



After that Indonesia sleeps. No matter how grave the crisis, the afternoon siesta paralyses the country.

Corruption is widespread. It can hardly be anything else while civil servants receive microscopic salaries. The head of a Ministry gets only 229 a month. And in overcrowded Djakarta key money on a small house can run to 2500.

Under-counter bribery is part of the staggering cost of living. In the post office the clerk keeps the small change after stamping your letter—if he has let you up to the head of the queue.

The electricity man under-reads your meter for a fee.

It is all taken so much for granted that when Abdul Gani, the latest Foreign Minister, was charged with pocketing Government funds his friends publicly

declared: "It was only to help pay election expenses."

President Sukarno is chiefly to blame. He has been incapable of giving the right men their head. Eighteen Cabinets have nominally ruled Indonesia since 1945. But always the only real power has been Sukarno.

He has persistently appointed and manipulated his puppets in favour of better men—then sacked them whenever their rule became unpopular.

All very convenient—for the President. He has been able to enjoy power without responsibility. But fatal to any hope of establishing a strong government.

What Indonesia needs today is harder work, more investment and honest administration. Instead it has been on an eight-year diet of political shill-shallying, bombastic talking and depressing decline.

The President has lived perpetually in the past, fighting and re-fighting the half-forgotten battles with the Dutch. He has divided national energies into a sterile campaign for possession of Dutch New Guinea.

APPLAUSE

He talks darkly of colonialism and "foreign intervention"—posturing before his mirror the

kind of give-'em-hell speeches that maintained his old hold over the mob.

But the mob is no longer spellbound. Applause mostly comes these days from a handful of Communists and nationalists who still hope to cash in on an aging man's conceit.

A military police truck has just roared past my hotel. It has Tommy-gunners on the back and frightened men looted away inside. A traffic policeman stands helpless as the driver ignores his signals and ploughs through the tangle of shabby cars and rickshaws. The army now makes its own law in Indonesia. It rules the rebellious islands of Sumatra, Borneo and Celebes in defiance of the Central Government.

In Java itself officers and military policemen arrest and interrogate at will.

The army does everything in fact but govern. The crumbling republic—and this latest crisis may only be a pause before it seizes power.

Sukarno is angry with the army and with politicians who spurn his plans.

Never in his political career has he been so thwarted. He sits sullenly in his splendid palace refusing to see reason.

He peers instead into the full length mirror where the man he once was gazes back to him out of the past.



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"Do you remember my asking you the Portuguese for 'Is it coming to cook, then?' in an amiable dumpy? Well, forget it!"

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Racing enthusiasts will once again be thronging to Happy Valley tomorrow for the First Day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Tenth Race Meeting. There are 10 races on the programme.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the First Race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Though there is no special event tomorrow, the Victoria Peak Handicap from the 1½ Mile Post for Class 1 ponies is the best.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

(Agular Peak Handicap—1½ Miles.)
The curtain-raiser is for Class 9 ponies over the champion distance to be ridden by approved riders who have not won 10 races at any time.

A perusal of the entries would seem to indicate that Happy Warrior (C. E. Hulse), Desert Gold (Andrew Chan), Green Velvet (Sam Chow) and V.I.P. (W. M. Chan) are the principal contenders.

Happy Warrior, judging from its second placing behind Vigorous Ava in the Inspiration Handicap over the two-mile post on the last day of the Annual Meeting, should have a good chance of winning, but it should expect strong opposition from Desert Gold which is fighting fit at the moment.

Green Velvet is good enough to extend the others, if it can take the lead from the start. Then there is V.I.P., which is also considered good enough to put in a strong challenge.

which will be taken out by Chun Kit.

THIRD RACE

(Hed Hill Stakes—One Mile.)
This race will be contested by 1957 ponies. Ponies which have won less than \$1,750 or more than \$2,500 in stakes are barred. Weight: Winners, not more than \$1,750 in stakes, 120 lbs.; of not more than \$2,500, 125 lbs.; of not more than \$2,750, 132 lbs.; of not more than \$2,500, 135 lbs.

Magie Eyes (Alex Lam) is showing top form and should be a firm favourite. Ponies ready to offer opposition are Golden City (H. K. Hung) and Co-ordination (A. Kravtsov) which have shown much promise in their morning exercises.

Should Edinburgh (M. Samareq) get off to a good start, the pony has all the speed to score here. Serbu (K. Kwok) is well prepared for a win and it certainly deserves serious consideration.

FOURTH RACE

(Victoria Peak Handicap—From 1½ Mile Post.)
This is the main event of the day and should be a searching one as we have a galaxy of sprinters contesting the premier honour. My choice is between two feet-footed animals. They are Winsome Stage (H. K. Chung) and Red Light (H. K. Hung). Although heavily weighted, they are so fast over this distance that they seem to me to be the outstanding ones.

Outstanding ones. Samareq (K. Kwok) and Raja (Robert Tsai) are great sprinters too and must figure prominently.

I think Golden Branch (W. K. Shieh) and Ivan-Ho (A. Ostroumoff) are fit enough

to be a menace to the best horse, especially if favoured with luck at the rise of the barrier.

FIFTH RACE

(Mount Parker Handicap—1½ Miles.)
In a very mediocre field of Class 9 ponies, Dutch Rocket (H. K. Chung) and Free Success (W. K. Shieh) appear as the likely ones to finish well up.

Forward View (H. C. Phyl) is in fine fettle too and can be counted upon for a creditable performance.

Longer (M. Samareq), Gallant Knight (K. Kwok) and High Noon (C. L. Liu).

SIXTH RACE

(Mount Gough Handicap—First Section—Six Furlongs.)
With champion jockey K. Kwok as its pilot, it is difficult to foresee any other pony but Bashful Beauty II passing the winning post first.

Kelpie (A. Ostroumoff) has shown a welcome return to winning form and could be near, while Balkan Monarch (Chun Kit) and Helicon (Robert Tsai) are not altogether out of the reckoning.

SEVENTH RACE

(Beacon Hill Stakes—Second Section—Six Furlongs.)
The second section of 1957 ponies will battle out the finish in this sprint race.

One of the outstanding ponies in this race is Confuser (H. K. Chung), while both O Lok Princess (W. K. Holman) and Tiger Shark (C. A. Lee) have been beautifully tuned for this outing.

An excellent outlook for this event is New Delhi (Albert Lam).

EIGHTH RACE

(Stone Hill Stakes—One Mile.)
This race is confined to 1957 ponies. Ponies which have won \$1,750 or more in stakes are barred. Weight: 147 lbs.

I don't think I will be far wrong in stating that Shillalah (M. Samareq) has the best recommendation for the premier position.

Asian Diamond (H. K. Chung) may prove dangerous, with Curtin Calls (W. R. Holman) also having a say in the matter. As an outsider, Tai Ping Shan (K. Kwok) is worth following.

NINTH RACE

(Mount Butler First Section—Six Furlongs.)
The two best ponies in this race are Kerrera (K. Kwok) and Another Victory (H. K. Chung).

Kerrera won the Littlefield Park Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the Fifth Race Meeting for Class 7 ponies and, judging by that performance, I think it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

Another Victory has shown improvement during morning gallops after coming in second in the Eastern Handicap (Third Section) on the Second Day of the Annual Meeting and must therefore be seriously considered.

Hiram C (Albert Lam) and Strathvohr (Andrew Lam) are also good over this distance and are fit enough to be a menace to the above-named ponies if favoured with a good start.

TENTH RACE

(Mount Gough Handicap—Second Section—One Mile.)
This race will wind up the first day of the Tenth Race Meeting in which the Second Section of Class 3 ponies will fight out the issue.

Everything points to yet another winning ride for K. Kwok, the "Champion Jockey." He will again take out Pandora and the combination's previous win over six furlongs is sure to be still fresh in the minds of many punters.

Sportsmanship (C. L. Liu) is a vastly improved race and ought to have some say at the finish, while Tom Thumb (M. Samareq) will certainly not be too far behind the leaders at the finishing post.

Larc Triomphe will be taken out by H. K. Chung and the combination is worth following at a price, especially should the going be wet or heavy.

World Chess Championships

Paris, Mar. 28.
The tenth match in the World Chess Championships between Vesili Smyslov (challenger) and Mikhail Botvinnik was adjourned tonight after the 40th move, radio Moscow reported.

Up till now, Smyslov is leading in the championships by 5 points to 4. He has now won 8 games, Botvinnik has won 3 and 4 have been drawn.

Manager Cecchi said it was a well known fact that D'Agata took some time to warm-up and that therefore the first six rounds against Halimi would be most dangerous for him, as had been the case in his fight against Cohen—France-Press.

The Italian champion is counting on his resistance, experience, aggressiveness, courage and relentless activity in the ring to defeat a younger, more powerful, speedier and more athletic opponent. Halimi has never fought so far over 15 rounds.

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Cut this out and take it to the races

tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

2.00 p.m. Race 1 AGULAR PEAK HANDICAP. 1½ Miles. Novices. Class 9.

402 Blossom Time (Sofronoff) 120 lbs. 103 Helican (Leskov) 125 lbs.

334 Applianse (Krasnopetroff) 128 lbs. 411 Bashful Beauty II (Metrevel) 125 lbs.

042 Happy Warrior (Leskov) 127 lbs. 100 Early Win (Nood) 120 lbs.

400 Sky Horse (Pereboeff) 125 lbs. 420 Bluegrass (A. S. Wong) 125 lbs.

000 V.I.P. (Rodney) 121 lbs. 030 Amusement (Sofronoff) 127 lbs.

000 Desert Gold (Lam) 120 lbs. 200 Cordon Rose (Lin) 127 lbs.

034 Many Returns (Nood) 122 lbs. 134 Kelpie (Rodney) 121 lbs.

000 Aces High (Leskov) 125 lbs. 344 Balkan Monarch (Metrevel) 127 lbs.

000 Thunder Sky (Belokopoff) 120 lbs. Possible Acceptors: Tell Me Tonight, Honkong Diamond, The Church.

000 Green Velvet (Tchekmoff) 123 lbs. 5.00 p.m. Race 2 BEACON HILL STAKES (1st Section). 6 Furlongs. 1957 Ponies.

003 Festival View (Lam) 141 lbs. 000 As You Like It (Lam) 147 lbs.

000 Smoeta (Krasnopetroff) 143 lbs. 000 As You Wish (Rodney) 147 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Isis, Colin Evergreen, Zerimar, Baroneter, Donna Maria, Allowance for Maiden Novice.

2.30 p.m. Race 3 RED HILL STAKES. 1 Mile. 1957 Ponies.

Blue Train (Lin) 147 lbs. 000 Madam Fortune (Lin) 147 lbs.

000 Diamond Lil (Lam) 147 lbs. 000 Manxman (Pereboeff) 147 lbs.

000 Ding Dong (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 000 New Delhi (Lam) 147 lbs.

000 Mademoiselle (Nood) 147 lbs. 000 Prima Donna (Nood) 147 lbs.

000 Nashua (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 000 Straight Nood (Leskov) 147 lbs.

000 Presto (Metrevel) 147 lbs. 000 Tiger Shark (Nood) 147 lbs.

000 Rose (Nood) 147 lbs. Possible Acceptors: Lynburn, O Lok Princess, Roman Hero.

000 Supermaster (Lam) 147 lbs. 3.30 p.m. Race 4 STONE HILL STAKES. 1 Mile. 1957 Ponies.

000 Welcome (Lam) 147 lbs. 000 Alex's Gift (Rodney) 147 lbs.

000 Yum Sing (Rodney) 147 lbs. 000 Asian Diamond (Nood) 147 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Celebration Day, Infahan, Jet Chi, Permanent View, Winning Streak.

3.00 p.m. Race 5 RED HILL STAKES. 1 Mile. 1957 Ponies.

000 Magic Eyes (Sofronoff) 120 lbs. 000 Curtin Calls (Lam) 147 lbs.

000 Brilliance (Leskov) 120 lbs. 000 Don Juan (Nood) 147 lbs.

000 Butterfly (Nood) 120 lbs. 000 Hellepout (Leskov) 147 lbs.

000 Co-ordination (S. H. Wong) 120 lbs. 000 Ngan Loong (Chiang) 147 lbs.

000 Edinburgh (Metrevel) 120 lbs. 000 Satisfaction (Nood) 147 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Shillalah (Metrevel) 147 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Spread (Lam) 147 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Tai Ping Shih (Metrevel) 147 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Temptation (S. H. Wong) 147 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Viewpoint (Tchekmoff) 147 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Wing Hing (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. Possible Acceptors: Angel's Pearl, Cherry Pippin, Gay Whirl, Million Bonus, Opportune.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 6.00 p.m. Race 10 MOUNT GOUGH HANDICAP (1st Section). 6 Furlongs. Class 6.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Kerrera (Krasnopetroff) 127 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Another Victory (H. K. Wong) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Early Money (Sofronoff) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Hiram C (Leskov) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Precious Miao (Tchekmoff) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Squadron Leader (Leskov) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Tetfield (Metrevel) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Miracle (Tchekmoff) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Air Power (Tchekmoff) 120 lbs.

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000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 6.30 p.m. Race 10 MOUNT GOUGH HANDICAP (2nd Section). 6 Furlongs. Class 6.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 221 Pandora (Pereboeff) 127 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 King A (Lin) 125 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Larc Triomphe (Nood) 125 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Ambition (Tchekmoff) 125 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Sportsmanship (Chew) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Tom Thumb (Leskov) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Beautiful Lie (A. S. Wong) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Santa Maria (Rodney) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 American Carrot (Nood) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Diana (Metrevel) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Fighting Spirit (Lam) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. Possible Acceptors: Burning Arrow, Resurrection.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 4.30 p.m. Race 9 MOUNT GOUGH HANDICAP (1st Section). 6 Furlongs. Class 5.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 120 Long Cue (Tchekmoff) 120 lbs.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. 000 Holman.

000 Glamour Girl (Lam) 120 lbs. Possible Acceptors: Dutch Rocket, High Noon.

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'Little England At
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By HAIC NICHOLSON

Simonstown, Mar. 28.

The Royal Navy base here, a base which
Nelson on one occasion urged the
British Government to return to the Dutch,
will be transferred to the South African
Government on April 2.

Nelson first came to Simonstown as a
midshipman, and many years later as Admiral
Lord Nelson he urged the government of the day
to "give it back to the Dutch."

"It is only a revivification
station," he said.
"When the Dutch were in
command, one could buy a cab-
bage for two pence. Now they are
one shilling each."

In April, the base, which has
been called the "Gibraltar of the
South Atlantic," is to pass into
the hands of the South African
Navy, a small but efficient and
growing force to be commanded
by Rear-Admiral Hugo Hendrik
Blommestein, MBE. But ships of
the Royal Navy will continue to
have facilities at the base and in
the event of war to operate
from there.

At the age of 40, Rear-
Admiral Blommestein is the first
South African-appointed Ad-
miral in history, though three
other South Africans have risen
to the rank of Admiral in the
Royal Navy. He is expected to
be in residence at Admiralty
House, a picturesque former
farmhouse, when the handing
over ceremony takes place at
three flag-decorated base.

Simonstown has been
associated with nearly three
centuries of South African
history.

Safe Anchorage

In 1687, Simon van der Stel
arrived at Zeilstein Bay as it
was then called. The bay, well
sheltered by hills rising out of
the sea, so impressed him that
he renamed it after himself—
Simonstown.

Less than half a century later,
its importance as a safe anchor-
age was becoming increasingly
recognised and a survey was
carried out.

More and more ships called
there, and in 1741 the Dutch
East India Company decided
that between May and August
of each year its fleet would
anchor there. Also to be seen
riding at anchor were naval
ships flying the flags of Britain,
France and Portugal.

Britain's real link with the
base only came towards the end
of the 18th century. Realising
the threat to the free movement
of ships of the English
East India Company of the
French war vessels based on
Reunion and Mauritius, the
British Government on July 14,
1793, sent a force under Major-
General Craig to occupy Simon-
stown.

Except for a few years the
Royal Navy has remained in
control ever since.

Napoleonic Wars

The British left the Cape in
1803 under the terms of the
Treaty of Amiens, but their
ships continued to use the base
at Simonstown in increasing
numbers. When the Napoleonic
war started, however, Britain
did not hesitate again to take
possession of this "key to the
East."

In January 1806, a fleet of 63
British ships anchored off
Blauwburg and the second
occupation of the Cape began.

Soon, Simonstown was busy
with British warships calling for
stores and repairs.

Since then, hundreds of war-
ships have been repaired at the
modern base at Simonstown.
During World War Two more
than 170 naval vessels and 60
merchantmen called here for re-
pairs while thousands of officers
and seamen were nursed back
to health in the hospital over-
looking the Sunlit Bay.

In 1899, the Cape Parliament
ceded Simonstown to the Ad-
miralty as a naval base, and in
1921 the Union Government took

over responsibility for its de-
fence.

Simonstown has contributed
its own chapter to the history
of military in the Royal Navy.
In October 1971, there took
place one of the biggest mutinies
ever known in the senior ser-
vice. The crews of the Vindic-
tive, Tremendous, Trusty, Im-
perieuse, Brave, Rattlesnake,
Star, Euphrosyne, Chichester
and Suffolk revolted and placed
Admiral Pringle under deten-
tion.

Cornish Village

The Admiral pecked the men
and ended the mutiny, as well
as another smaller one which
occurred less than three weeks
later when Scipio, Reasonable
and Jupiter arrived at the base.
Simonstown has been called
"Little England at the tip of
Africa."

In appearance, it resembles a
Cornish fishing village. In hotels
with such names as the Lord
Nelson, the British and the
Prince Alfred, sailors can be
seen of an evening quaffing their
ale while they talk of adventures
at sea and at home.
Simonstown with long-range
guns pointing out to sea will
remain an element of impor-
tance, too, for a reason not as-
sociated with the Royal Navy
and the sea. Rudyard Kipling
wrote a number of his poems
there. China Mail Special.

Investigations
Of Rackets
Broadened

Washington, Mar. 28.

The Senate Rackets Committee
decided today to broaden its
investigation of corruption in
American trades unions and the
administration of union funds.
The committee reached its
decision after questioning Dave
Beck, President of the Team-
sters Union, for two days.

The committee's chief legal
counselor, Robert F. Kennedy,
said the number of investigators
and agents under the commit-
tee's orders had been tripled.
The agents had been sent to
all parts of the United States
to investigate the financial
dealings of the unions and, in
particular, Beck's Teamsters
Union, Kennedy said.

The Secretary of Labour,
James P. Mitchell, declared to-
day during a press conference
that his department was now
studying verbatim reports of
the Senate's Rackets Com-
mittee's investigation in order
to take steps to strengthen
government control of union
funds. France-Press.

A Vietnamese belle, with a
gold-decorated sword in her
hand, rides an elephant to
commemorate the legendary
Trung princesses, during
Women's Day celebrations in
Saigon. To the people of South
Vietnam the Trung sisters are
symbols of the people's fight
for independence. According
to Vietnamese history, the
princesses, chased away
invaders by each riding an
elephant while the country's
independence was at stake.—
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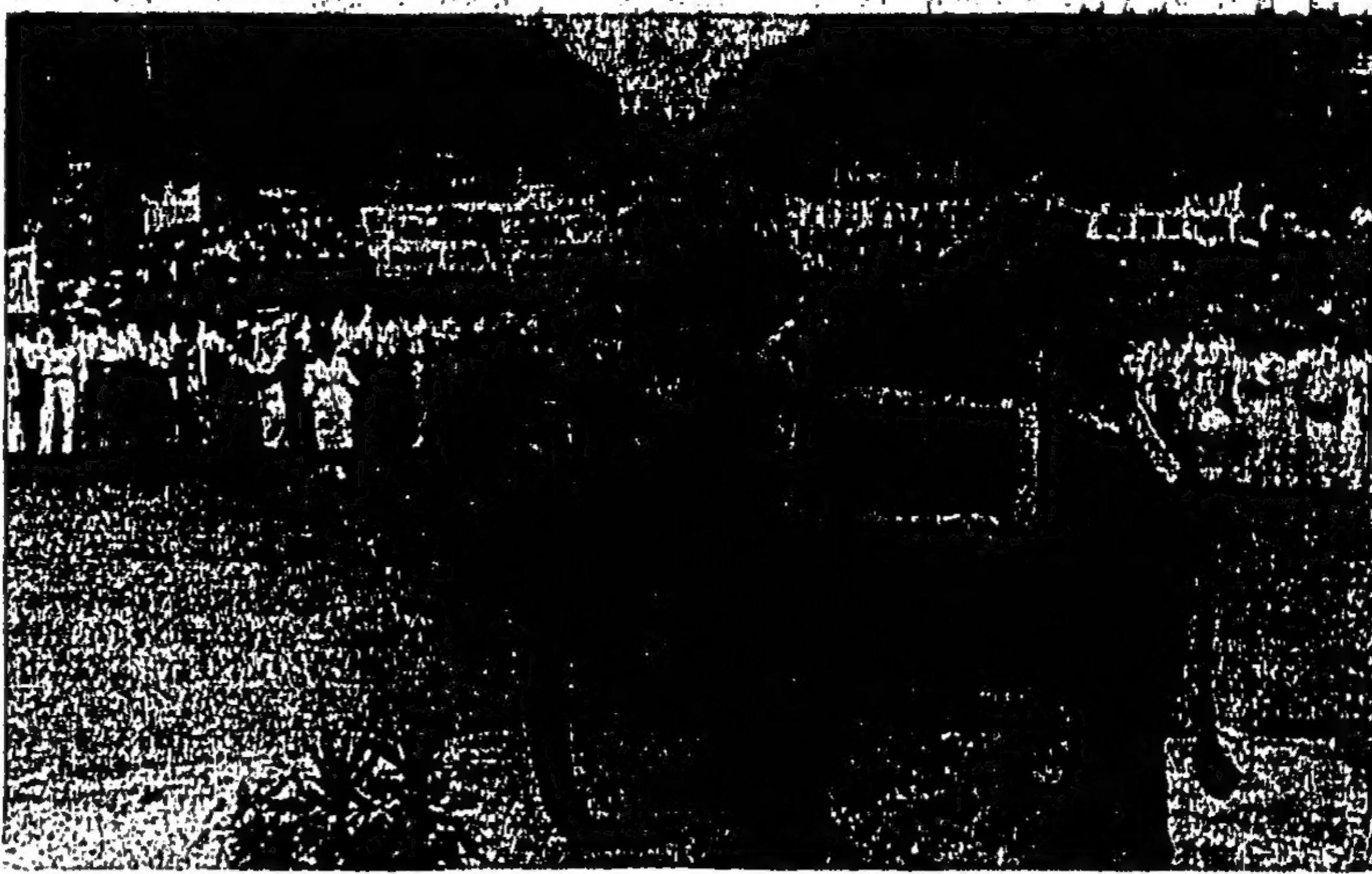
Japanese Capital
Investment

Dacca, Mar. 28.

A six-man Japanese Economic
and Technical Survey Mission
arrived here by air from Tokyo
tonight.

They will have talks with
leaders of the provincial gov-
ernment and visit industrial
centres in the province.

"They are expected to explore
the possibilities of capital in-
vestment in heavy industries
in East Pakistan within the
framework of the Colombo
Plan.—Reuters.

Saigon Woman's
PageantBurma Wants
More Trade
With Malaya

Singapore, Mar. 28.

A thirty-man Singapore-
Malaya Trade Mission has re-
turned here from Burma where
it held talks with the Burmese
government.

Mr Lee Tye-toh, leader of the
Mission, said Burmese business-
men had expressed a keen de-
sire to do more trade with
Malaya.

He said he was confident
Malaya would be able to wipe
out her deficit in trade with
Burma.

Burma was taking steps to
boost trade by improving port
facilities.

Mr Lee said the delegation is
confident of increasing Singa-
pore's trade in tin, foodstuffs,
pineapples, corned beef, sausages
and jams, besides primary pro-
ducts and luxury goods.—
Reuters.

Historic Bronze
Age Bracelet
Found In Norway

By ELIZABETH KITSON

Oslo, Mar. 28.

A 3,000-year-old gold bracelet, twice
buried in Norwegian ground and twice dug
up again, will soon be on view to the public
in a museum at Trondheim.

Its exhibition—follows a long
drawn out legal battle over its
ownership.

The bracelet is of solid gold
of a beautiful plain design. It
is of the type to be worn above
the elbow and is not a complete
circle of gold, but has a small
gap to allow for stretching to
get it over the elbow.

Museum experts who have
studied it say that it dates back
to the Bronze Age and is typical
of gold jewellery found in the
Danish islands from metal which
originally came from Ireland.

Prehistoric Find

It was in 1930 that two
labourers working on a road on
the island of Nord Aukra, in
Western Norway, found the
bracelet while they were dig-
ging. They probably did not
realise its value as a prehistoric
find, but they saw that it was
solid gold. So they took it to
Molde, the nearest town, and
sold it to a goldsmith for the
value of the gold by weight.
The goldsmith, Mr Herman
Hagen, gave them 150 crowns
(about £7 10s.) for it. Since
then, the bracelet has been in
his possession.

But Norwegian law lays down
that all objects of art, goods and
chattels of historic or prehis-
toric interest, found in the earth,
are the property of the state.
The law specifically mentions
jewellery, weapons, tools, house-
hold implements and other
goods, and states the compensa-
tion to be paid to both the
finder and the owner of the
land on which such articles are
discovered. All finds should be
reported at once to the Govern-
ment department concerned,
which has the right to depose a
suitable museum to preserve
them.

It was not until 1938, when
the Molde goldsmith, Mr

Hagen, asked the Curator of the
local Romsdal Museum whether
the bracelet had any historic
value, that the find was reported
and experts from Oslo Univer-
sity went up to investigate.

They soon found that the
find was an extremely interest-
ing one, such bracelets being
very rare. They decided that it
was probably the bracelet re-
ferred to under the name of
"Molde", which is described in
the famous Norwegian Sagas by
Snorre Sturisson. In his Saga
about "The Sons of Eirik",
Snorre tells of a bracelet which
was found in the ground in
about the year 900. It was
realised, even at that time, that
it was an extremely ancient and
valuable bracelet.

Harald Gratefoll, a local viking
chief, heard of the find and,
according to Snorre's tale, suc-
ceeded in getting possession of
it by the simple process of a
lawsuit in which he was both
the plaintiff and the judge.

The Saga goes on to tell how
Harald Gratefoll was a very
misery fellow, and he buried
the bracelet to make sure that
no one else should get hold of
it.

'Molde'

The experts believe that it
must be this bracelet, "Molde",
which was found by the two
road workers on Nord Aukra in
1930. For, according to the Saga,
Harald Gratefoll spent several
winter on Nord Aukra where
his war ships were usually
laid up for the winter in the
Riksfjord.

Whether he died without
telling his heirs where he had
hidden his treasure is not
quite clear. But the bracelet
has certainly lain buried there
for over 1,000 years, and has
probably been in the earth for
another 2,000 years before the
viking found it in the year 900.

When the museum experts
started investigating the whole
matter in 1939, Goldsmith Hagen
claimed ownership of the brace-
let and said that he intended
bequeathing it to the Romsdal
Museum. He pointed to the
clause in the law which says
that if the Government depart-
ment fails to claim possession
within six months, they lose
their right to the find. But the
department, on their side, claim-
ed that the find had not been
reported in the proper manner
in the first place.

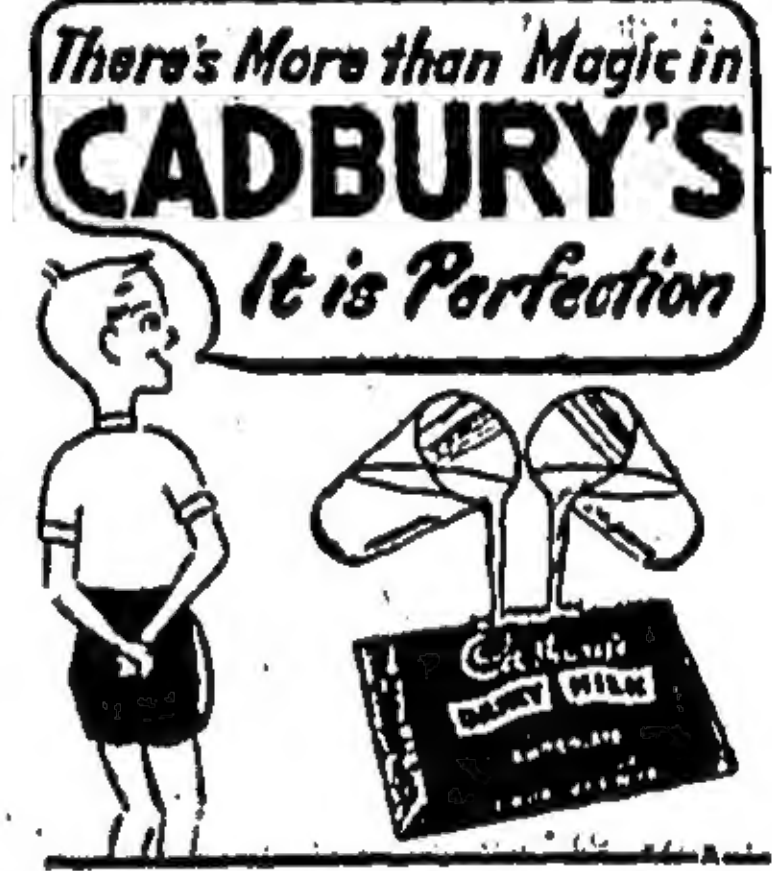
Process Of Law

Since then, the matter has
been slowly going through the
various processes of the law,
processes which are consid-
erably more complicated and
careful than they were in the
days of Harald Gratefoll. Gold-
smith Hagen's claim for posses-
sion of the bracelet failed in the
lower court, but he appealed
against its decision. Now the
Supreme Court has upheld the
lower court's judgment, and
declared that the bracelet should
be the property of and be placed
in the care of the Science
Society's Museum at Trondheim.

Mr Hagen had to pay 1,500
crowns (£76) in court costs for
his trouble.
At present, the bracelet, the
value of which is now put at
at least 8,000 crowns (£400), is
in safe keeping in the vaults of
a bank at Molde. But in the
near future it will be sent to
Trondheim for exhibition in the
Museum there.—China Mail
Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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